Manpower position as on	Executive	Non-Executive	Total
31.3.1972	1167	12651	13818
31.3.1973	1548	21390	22938
31.3.1974	2088	28073	30166
31.3.1975	2646	29508	32154
31.3.1976	2925	29390	32315
31.3.1977	2993	30210	33203
31.3.1978	3093	31999	35092
31.3.1979	3363	36156	39519
31.3.1980	3513	38626	42139
31.3.1981	3757	40378	44135
31.3.1982	3842	43177	47019
31.3.1983	4031	45806	49837
31.3.1984	4094	47202	51296
31.3.1985	4112	47466	51578
31.3.1986	4178	48398	52576
31.3.1987	4195	48260	52455

Manpower postion as on	Executive	Non-Executive		Total
		Skilled	Unskilled	
31.3.1988	4295	19412	28084	51791
31.3.1989	4480	21596	25268	51344
31.3.1990	4459	22673	24362	51494
31.3.1991	4697	21069	21258	47024
31.3.1992	4715	23900	18690	47305
31.3.1993	5057	24005	19017	48079
31.3.1994	4991	23957	18780	47728
31.3 1995	5381	23529	18626	47536
31.3.1996	5292	23845	18150	47287

(Breakup of skilled/unskilled workers in Non-Executive cadre for the years from 1971-72 to 1986-87 was not being maintained).

(b) The total number of contract labour in Bokaro Steel Plant as on 1.11.1996 was 3809.

(c) Bokaro Steel Plant is engaging contractors for short duration for such works which are non-perennial in nature, like cleaning, repair, maintenance, material handling etc. Contractors in turn deploy labourers for completing the same.

(d) Bokaro Steel Plant does not recruit skilled and unskilled apprentices temporarily.

(e) Appointments made during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Skilled	Unskilled	Total
1993-94	3	489	492
1994-95	32	320	352
1995-96	54	184	238

(f) The said recruitments have been made through notification issued to the local employment exchange and press advertisement issued on all India basis. Further, as per policy, some of the appointments have been given on compassionate grounds to dependents of the deceased employees who died while on duty.

Installation of Metro Channel Gujarat

2039. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations from Government of Gujarat for installation of some Metro Channel Transmitters in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d). Representations are received from time to time, from various quarters, including the State Governments, for expansion of Metro Channel (DD-2) service of Doordarshan to more areas of the country. While the service is available throughout the country, including the entire State of Gujarat, via satellite by using an appropriate dish antenna system, terrestrially this service is being extended initially to State Capitals and major cities of the country, in a phased manner, depending on availability of resources and inter-se priorities. At present, a High Power TV transmitter (HPT) at Ahmedabad and a Low Power TV transmitter (LPT) at Gandhinagar are relaying Metro Channel (DD-2) service in the State of Gujarat. There is no approved shceme, at present, to set up any additional DD-2 transmitter in the State during the VIII Plan.

[English]

Mobilisation of Funds from Capital Market

2040. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have tried to mobilise funds from the capital market for the promotion of tourism during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the target fixed for this purpose is likely to be achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the purposes for which the funds are being mobilised from the capital market?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b). The Tourism Finance Corporation of India (TFCI), a specialised public financial institution has raised a sum of Rs.153.65 crores so far, during the current financial year.

(c) to (d). The TFCI envisages raising an additional Rs.100 crores by March, 1997 by way of private placement of unsecured bonds. These funds are being raised to meet the requirements of financial assistance for the tourism industry.

[Translation]

Introduction of Train from Bodh Gaya

2041. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to start any train between Gaya, Bodh Gaya and Delhi or Sounth India:

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the Union Government propose to start Varanasi-Tirupati Express and Varanasi-Cochin Express from Gaya; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

A.C. Chair Car Facility in Trains

2042. SHRI GOPAL KRISHNA T. : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of trains having A.C. Chair Car facility till date;

(b) the number of superfast trains have been provided with 3-tier A.C. sleeper accommodation in place of chair car accommodation;

(c) whether the Government propose to re-introduce A.C. chair car accommodation as many passengers cannot afford to travel by 3-tier A.C. sleeper in view of steep increase in fares; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Introduction of New Superfast Train

2043. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inconvenience and difficulties being faced by the large number of passengers travelling on Firozpur-Faridkot-Kotaka Pura-Bhatinda-Delhi route due to the non-availability of any fast express train on this route;

(b) if so, whether keeping in view the rush of passengers on this route and difficulties being faced by